

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY MAY 6, 2003 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 373 new fires reported yesterday. One large fire was contained in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota and New Mexico.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned to search operations near Modena, Utah. Crews have searched approximately thirty percent of the 865 acre area.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal resources have mobilized to California in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. Personnel are supporting the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles northwest of Poverty Creek, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOILER	NM	GNF	9,400	UNK	UNK	21	0	2	0	0	30K

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

234, Eglin Air Force Base. This fire is burning in pine north of Fort Walton Beach, FL. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
234	FL	EAQ	4900	90	UNK	4	0	5	0	0	30K

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
AGASSIZ	MN	MNS	2,150	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	720K

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

## OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watches:** Guadalupe Mountains of southwest Texas for gusty afternoon winds, minimum relative humidity less than 15%, and high or higher fire danger.

**Weather Discussion:** A large area of low pressure covers the West with scattered showers over the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies and the Great Basin. It will also be windy in portions of the Southwest and Texas. A low pressure system centered over the Great Lakes will bring showers to a good portion of the East. A southwest flow over Alaska will bring clouds and showers to much of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Scattered showers and thunderstorms possible over New England and eastern parts of the mid-Atlantic, lingering showers across the northern 1/3 of the Great Lakes, mainly dry elsewhere	45 to 55 northern half Of the Great Lakes 55 to 65 southern half of the Great Lakes, New England 65 to 75 rest of EA	30% to 40% western and southern parts of the Big Rivers	Southeast wind increasing to 15 to 25 mph over the New England and northern mid- Atlantic states
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Partly cloudy. Scattered showers over the Sierra from Yosemite National Park northward	48-68 Mountains 60-70 Valleys 70-85 Deserts	35-50% Mountains 40-55% Valleys 12-25% Deserts	SW-NW 10-20 mph over the mountains and deserts, and locally coastal valleys
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly to mostly sunny and breezy, chance of a shower or thunderstorm across the far north from AZ to TX	50s and 60s mountains, 70s to 90 lower elevations	15-30% north 5-15% south	SW to W at 10-25 mph AZ, most of NM and SW Texas, NE to SE at 10-20 mph across northeastern NM and NW Texas
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Southeast Colorado: Scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms.	Mountains: 50s Lower elevations: 60s	20%-30%	South 10 to 20 mph.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

## PROPER USE OF TRIGGER POINTS

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of firefighters. Keeping an eye out for the 18-Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits (“trigger points”) ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

Preplan! Don’t wait until you’re in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.

Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:

- RH
- Winds
- Fire Behavior
- Topographical boundaries
- Time constraints/Time of day
- Time/distance to safety zones
- Loss of support resources (air tankers, helicopters, etc.)
- Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, etc.)

As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is appropriate. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)

- Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
- Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
- Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
- Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
- Evaluate effectiveness of current actions

Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics

- Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
- Account for all your people
- Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			0	23		25
	ACRES	20			75	86		181
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						80	80
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					1	1	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					8	1	9
Eastern Area	FIRES	27			1	290	4	322
	ACRES	26			1	5,101	7	5,135
Southern Area	FIRES					17	1	18
	ACRES					74	85	159
TOTAL	FIRES	29	0	0	1	333	10	373
	ACRES	46	0	0	76	5,270	174	5,566

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	111		115
	ACRES	20			512	427		959
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	1			10	16
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	105	16	125
	ACRES				2,210	22	11	2,243
Southern California	FIRES	1	4	1	1	249	54	310
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	28	100	129
Northern Rockies	FIRES	400	1	8		64	14	487
	ACRES	2,547	0	605		16,320	1,363	20,835
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10		1	15	3	29
	ACRES		19		0	287	0	306
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	68	27	12		183	93	383
	ACRES	68	2,803	1,288		5,042	294	9,495
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	9	26	1	42	16	103
	ACRES	123	2	1,645	200	233	470	2,673
Eastern Area	FIRES	729		65	15	5,610	279	6,698
	ACRES	51,278		3,597	615	93,399	5,198	154,087
Southern Area	FIRES	89		7	11	9,019	270	9,396
	ACRES	20,190		757	756	128,097	7,941	157,741
TOTAL	FIRES	1,302	57	120	35	15,398	755	17,667
	ACRES	74,227	2,827	7,893	4,293	243,855	15,378	348,473

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>29,396</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>596,679</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						111	111
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						239	239
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		950					950
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					302		302
Southern Area	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	167					500	667
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	0	8	3	13
	ACRES	167	950	0	0	302	850	2,269

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	19	73	146	1		67	306
	ACRES	1,594	8,750	4,675	7		3,438	18,464
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	6	12		77	105
	ACRES	31	128	16,866	499		4,048	21,572
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		71	76
	ACRES		27	38	12		8,730	8,807
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	9	28	3	4	100	153
	ACRES	487	3,788	5,025	510	102	7,291	17,203
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	3		5	11	31
	ACRES	18	1,154	300		130	2,554	4,156
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	4	34	4	4		196	242
	ACRES	485	11,322	816	4,877		17,836	35,336
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	41	5	6	25	114
	ACRES	1,718	1,160	8,842	349	71	3,945	16,085
Eastern Area	FIRES	15		222	14	322	148	721
	ACRES	10,199		41,486	1,718	44,956	23,404	121,763
Southern Area	FIRES	50		224	33	5,637	1,041	6,985
	ACRES	8,979		76,399	49,606	376,502	823,879	1,335,365
TOTAL	FIRES	126	149	675	74	5,974	1,737	8,735
	ACRES	23,511	26,429	154,447	57,578	421,761	895,355	1,579,081

**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						9,400	9,400
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	9,400	9,400

**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	16	153	97	637
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	3	1
ALBERTA	19	53	44	166
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	0	0
SASKATCHEWAN	13	56	54	232
MANITOBA	0	5,296	115	12,533
ONTARIO	60	431	131	640
QUEBEEC	36	73	64	113
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	0	0
NEW BRUNSWICK	14	20	19	29
NOVA SCOTIA	14	66	68	191
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	2	5	2	5
TOTALS	174	6,153	597	14,547

\*\*\*FIRES AND HECTARES VALUES IN THE YESTERDAY COLUMN IS A REFLECTION OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S ACTIVITY, CANADA HAS BEGUN REPORTING DAILY AS OF TODAY\*\*\*

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest			1							
Northern California										
Southern California									22	308
Northern Rockies			1							
Eastern Great Basin	3		1			1			25	6
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			2						4	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			1	11		4			5	2
Southern Area			7		1					
Total	3	0	13	11	1	5	0	0	56	316

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